



FNFA 16th Annual General Meeting – July 4-6, 2023

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The First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA) is holding its 16th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the FNFA on July 4-6, 2023, at Casino Rama Resort at Chippewas of Rama First Nation in Orillia, Ontario.

Dates	Time EDT	Events
Tues, Jul 4	6:30pm – 10:30pm	Meet & Greet Reception (hors d'oeuvres)
Wed, Jul 5	7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast FNFA Board of Directors
	8:30am – 9:30am	FNFA Board of Directors Mtg
	7:30am – 9:30am 9:30am – 12pm	Breakfast for delegates Member Forum to share community projects and experiences
	12pm	Lunch
	1pm – 4pm	Excursion - Visit of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation Wilderness Park, Community farm and more. Details to be confirmed.
	6:30pm – 10:30pm	Dinner & Cultural Dancers and Drummers
Thurs, Jul 6	7:30am – 9:30am	Breakfast
	9:30am – 12pm	Annual General Meeting of Members (for members only)
	12pm	Lunch
	1pm – 3pm	FNFA Board of Directors Meeting (newly elected) FNFA Board Orientation Session

Please read carefully the following important information.

Important: FNFA is working with [Osprey Associates](#) to help us plan this year's AGM. They will be in touch with you regarding registration, your hotel reservation, travel information, and more details. If you have any questions, please contact Samuelle Bartlett [here](#).

AGM Documents: Please [click here](#) to download the AGM documents.

Proxy Form: If you are unable to attend and wish to designate a representative to cast all your votes, please [click here](#) for a copy of the proxy form.

Travel and accommodations for one representative: FNFA will cover costs associated with travel for your representative to attend the AGM and its events as follows: economy airfare, mileage if you are driving from nearby, accommodations for a maximum of 4 nights at Casino Rama Resort, meals and transportation.

Additional representative: FNFA will also cover costs for one additional representative to participate in the AGM and its events, however, we will not cover costs for travel and accommodations for this individual.

Travel: You must make your own travel arrangements and FNFA will reimburse you. We will confirm guidelines and provide an expense claim form to submit with your receipts.

Hotel: We will make your hotel reservation.

AGM Board Elections: In accordance with our BYLAW and the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*, the FNFA shall hold elections for a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Directors which will be held, and members duly elected for a one-year term.

The following are current FNFA Directors:

1	Chief Warren Tabobondung	Chair	Wasauksing First Nation, ON
2	Chief Derek Epp	Director	Tzeachten, BC
3	Councillor Dawn Styrán	Director	Leq'á:mel First Nation, BC
4	Councillor Veronica McGinnis	Director	Osoyoos Indian Band, BC
5	Chief Kyra Wilson	Director	Long Plain First Nation, MB
6	Councillor Michael Paul	Director	Acadia First Nation, NS
7	Councillor Steven Johnston	Director	Mistawasis Nehiyawak, SK
8	Chief Ross Perley	Director	Tobique First Nation, NB
9	Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard	Director	Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band, QC
10	Councillor Ryan Littlejohn	Director	O'Chiese First Nation, AB
11	Chief Patrick Courtois	Director	Pekuakamiulnuatsh Takuhikan, Mashteuiatsh, QC

Board Representation: FNFA has members from every province and territories with the exception of PEI, Yukon and Nunavut. It is important that the directors including the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are geographically represented from FNFA's members. Both rating agencies that FNFA receives a rating from, have indicated the importance of the geographical and gender diversity of the membership. FNFA's objective for the election of Directors is to be on-side with the rating agencies and ensure the representation meets the rating agencies criteria.

During the course of the year if the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Director no longer hold office as a Chief or Councillor, that individual also ceases to be a Director of the FNFA. If your First Nation will be holding an election during the year, please keep this in mind if you are considering being elected to the FNFA board.

If your representative is interested in being considered for election to the FNFA Board, please let me know in advance of the AGM and we will advise the membership accordingly. You can contact me via email at edaniels@fnfa.ca

If you have any questions or require further explanation on the AGM, please contact our office and we would be pleased to help you.

Yours truly,

FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

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